



July 5, 2013

Mr. Hugo Rodrigues  
Expositor  
195 Henry Street  
Building 4, Unit 1  
Brantford, ON N3S 5C9

Dear Mr. Rodrigues:

Re: Freedom of Information Request #22-2013

The City is in receipt of your request for access to the following records in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

*"A current list of the top-25 tax accounts in arrears for non-residential properties in the City of Brantford.*

*I would ask that the list include the registered owner of each property, the civic address and the current amount owed. If there is any other information included in the list, I request, per Sec. 4(2) of the Act, that it be severed from any responsive records."*

As requested, attached is a list of the owners and property addresses of the top 25 non-residential accounts in municipal tax arrears as at June 30, 2013. Owner and property address information listed is as provided to the City by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. As no exemptions apply to this record, it is being released to you in its entirety.

You will note that the current amount of taxes owed is not included on the attached list. Section 15(a) of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that a head may refuse to disclose a record if the record or the information contained in the record has been published or is currently available to the public.

Tax Certificates, which contain information on annual taxes, any current or prior year arrears, and any local improvements billed to a property, are currently available to the public and can be accessed through one of the following means:

1. **On-line through mybrantford.ca** by clicking on *Services for Residents* and then *Request Property Tax Certificate*

(Please note that you will require Roll Numbers for each property in order to use this on-line form. Roll Numbers can also be found online through mybrantford.ca by clicking on *Services for Residents* and then *Property Tax Assessment Information*)

2. **Faxing a written request to the City's Finance Department** with information included on the attached list (owner and property address) to (519) 770-1259.

The current fee for requesting a Tax Certificate is \$50, established by By-law 14-2013, being a By-law to Fix Fees and Charges to be collected by the Corporation of the City of Brantford for 2013 as adopted by City Council on February 11, 2013.

Payment can be made by forwarding a cheque, payable to The Corporation of the City of Brantford to:

City of Brantford  
P.O. Box 515  
Brantford, ON N3T 6L6

Attention: Property Tax Manager, Finance Department

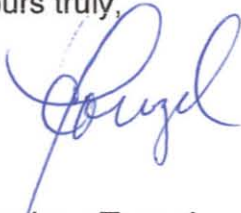
or by visiting the Finance Department at 220 Colborne Street, Brantford, during regular business hours.

Tax Certificates require approximately ten business days to prepare after payment has been received.

Please be advised that you do have the right to appeal this decision to the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario within 30 days of receipt of this letter by providing their office with the following:

1. The file number listed at the beginning of this letter;
2. A copy of the this decision letter;
3. A copy of the original request for information, which you sent to this institution;  
and
4. The required appeal fee (\$25.00) in the form of a cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance and mailed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON M4W 1A8

Yours truly,



Charlene Touzel  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Attachment: Top 25 Accounts in Arrears